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1. REFTEL DISCUSSES POSSIBILITY WMO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDYING RAINFALL AND CLIMATE ASPECTS OF DROUGHT, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF INDUCING RAIN, AND SUGGESTS US STIMULATE REQUESTS FROM SAHELIAN COUNTRIES.

2. BELIEVE MOST APPROPRIATE COOPERATING AGENCY AND SOURCE REQUEST WOULD BE INTERSTATE HYDRAULIC STUDIES COMMITTEE (CIEH) LOCATED IN OUAGADOUGOU. CIEH EMBRACES ALL DROUGHT-STRICKEN STATES, IS BEING BEEFED UP WITH US AID, AND IS CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT SAMPLE RAINMAKING PROJECT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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FRENCH AID.

3. AT FIRST GLANCE, WMO PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT
IN THIS FIELD WITH CIEH WOULD APPEAR VERY LOGICAL.
WE SUGGEST WMO APPROACH CIEH THROUGH UNDP
REP HERE, WITH AN EYE TO SENDING SOMEONE TO OUAGA
TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS WITH CIEH. WE WOULD
OF COURSE BE WILLING DISCUSS INFORMALLY WITH CIEH,
BUT BELIEVS UNDP IS MORE LOGICAL CHANNEL.EASUM

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